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MEDC Offers Assistance to Redevelop Mill Street Property in Ecorse

\$25,000 Grant to Help Transform Former United Steel Site

Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and CEO James C. Epolito announced a \$25,000 grant for the city of Ecorse today. The funding will help the city conduct a feasibility study to determine the best re-use of the city-owned Mill Street property.

"The Mill Street site has a lot of economic potential," Epolito said. "This study will allow city leaders to determine the best possible use of the property to attract investment and jobs to the heart of the community."

MEDC officials joined Senator Raymond Basham, Representative Ed Clemente, Ecorse Mayor Larry Salisbury and other local leaders to present a ceremonial check for the funding this morning.

"Governor Granholm and the MEDC have demonstrated a strong commitment to revitalizing Michigan's communities," Senator Basham said. "This grant is an important investment that will result in valuable redevelopment in the Ecorse community."

Representative Ed Clemente added: "The timing could not be better. I am excited about such a great opportunity for this community."

The Mill Street site was formerly owned by the United Steel Corporation. The city purchased the property in 2004 and has agreed to provide \$5,000 in matching funds to finance the study.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a partnership between the state and local communities, promotes smart economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life. For more information on MEDC initiatives and programs, visit the Web site at

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